

# MISSOURI OVERVIEW FASTEST GROWING OCCUPATIONS

## 2022-2024

Missouri employment is projected to increase by 1.7 percent between 2022 and 2024, for a net change of more than 52,000 jobs. The growth rate is the difference between projected employment and estimated employment divided by estimated employment. The top 20 fastest growing occupations are projected to have a growth rate between 2.6 percent and 8.1 percent. Of the top 20 fastest growing occupations, 13 have a median wage higher than the statewide median wage (\$38,130). *Cooks, Restaurant* are projected to have one of the fastest growth rates and a lot of job openings (5,659), but have a lower-than-average median wage.

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Occupation	2022 Estimated Employment	2024 Projected Employment	Net Change	Percent Growth	Total Annual Openings	Median Annual Wage
Nurse Practitioners	7,422	8,026	604	<b>8.1%</b>	705	\$101,180
Logisticians	2,520	2,713	193	<b>7.7%</b>	320	\$76,840
Ushers, Lobby Attendants, and Ticket Takers	2,666	2,863	197	<b>7.4%</b>	730	\$24,540
Computer Numerically Controlled Tool Programmers	738	792	54	<b>7.3%</b>	109	\$55,780
Cooks, Restaurant	30,938	33,019	2,081	<b>6.7%</b>	5,659	\$28,250
Operations Research Analysts	978	1,043	65	<b>6.7%</b>	98	\$74,370
Information Security Analysts	2,114	2,250	136	<b>6.4%</b>	222	\$95,270
Weighers, Measurers, Checkers, and Samplers, Recordkeeping	853	904	51	<b>6.0%</b>	109	\$37,880
Physical Therapist Assistants	2,233	2,363	130	<b>5.8%</b>	337	\$58,085
Occupational Therapy Assistants	705	746	41	<b>5.8%</b>	109	\$59,780
Exercise Trainers and Group Fitness Instructors	7,504	7,940	436	<b>5.8%</b>	1,403	\$34,520
Industrial Truck and Tractor Operators	13,418	14,176	758	<b>5.7%</b>	1,853	\$38,340
Medical and Health Services Managers	8,426	8,888	462	<b>5.5%</b>	887	\$97,930
Health Specialties Teachers, Postsecondary	4,223	4,453	230	<b>5.5%</b>	511	n/a
Speech-Language Pathologists	2,486	2,618	132	<b>5.3%</b>	218	\$76,680
Umpires, Referees, and Other Sports Officials	797	839	42	<b>5.3%</b>	133	\$34,550
Self-Enrichment Teachers	5,391	5,672	281	<b>5.2%</b>	766	\$36,080
Physician Assistants	1,617	1,701	84	<b>5.2%</b>	134	\$99,510
Industrial Machinery Mechanics	4,632	4,868	236	<b>5.1%</b>	520	\$59,900
Nursing Instructors and Teachers, Postsecondary	1,415	1,487	72	<b>5.1%</b>	169	\$63,740



Occupations with fewer than 50 annual openings are omitted.

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